



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of: James G. Prather

Application No: 10/055,816 Group No:

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For: MULTI-LEVEL PERSONAL HAND CART

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**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY
FOR UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION
(37 C.F.R. § 1.63)**

As below named inventor, I, JAMES G. PRATHER, do hereby declare that:

1. My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my names on the last page.

2. I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

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the specification of which was filed in the US Patent and Trademark Office on January 22, 2002, and bears the Serial Number identified above, namely 10/055,816.

3. I hereby state that I have reviewed and understood the contents of the above-identified specification prior to its being filed on January 22, 2002, including the claims. No amendments to the specification and/or claims have, as yet, been submitted.

4. I further acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.56.

5. I claim foreign priority benefits of the following application under 35 USC 119 (a)-(d), or 35 USC 365 (b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or under 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America.

NONE.

6. i claim the priority benefit under 35 USC 119(e) of the following United States provisional applications:

Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/263,299 filed January 22, 2001, and entitled MULTI-LEVEL PERSONAL HANDCART.

7. i hereby claim the benefit under 35 USC 120 of the following United States application(s), and insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of the above-identified application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 USC 112, we hereby acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the said prior application and the national filing date of this application:

NONE

8. No claim is made by us for the benefit under 365(c) of any PCT international application designating the United States of America:

9. As the SOLE inventor of this invention, I hereby appoint the following registered practitioner(s) to prosecute the application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

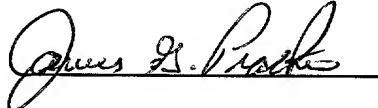
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